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Probe as fire rips through factory unit



The remains of the factory unit after the fierce fire
Picture: Hereford and Worcester Fire and Rescue Service

THESE are the charred remains of a Kidderminster factory unit which went up in flames.

Residents living near the scene of the fire at the glass fibre component firm on the Hoo Brook Industrial estate reported seeing thick plumes of smoke at around 1.45pm on Friday.

More than 20 emergency calls were made to Hereford and Worcester Fire Service to report the incident and the busy nearby Worcester Road was cordoned off while firefighters tackled the blaze, leading to hold-ups for drivers.

The cause of the fire is now under investigation and crews were back out

at the scene the following day to carry out an inspection of the site. A cordon of around 230ft was set up while firefighters were tackling the blaze.

A number of gas cylinders containing argon and propane were removed from the scene by firefighters but one propane cylinder exploded.

Resident Louise Ellis who lives on nearby Hoo Road said: "There was lots of thick black smoke which was everywhere."

Hereford and Worcester fire service group commander Mick Cadman said: "Fire crews successfully prevented the spread of the fire to neighbouring industrial premises. We would like to thank workers on the industrial

estate for their prompt evacuation and co-operation as we fought to bring the fire under control, which inevitably meant local travel disruption as we brought necessary resources in place."

Hereford and Worcester Fire Service said all contaminants were contained on site at the incident and the smoke plume which was spotted by people in the area immediately after the blaze was quickly dissipated with no risk to the public in the surrounding area.

At the height of the drama firefighters from Kidderminster, Stourport, Halesowen, Brierley Hill, Droitwich, Bromsgrove, Worcester and Malvern battled against the blaze.

Care home is evacuated as lorry blazes

ELDERLY residents were evacuated from a Kidderminster care home when a lorry on a nearby road went up in flames. About 15 residents at Bryden House in Marlpool Lane were rushed out of their rooms when the blaze broke out.

They were taken to an outbuilding around the back of the home for about 45 minutes until the fire had been put out on Tuesday night.

Staff took along tea and biscuits and provided entertainment to keep the residents calm after the incident, which happened at around 9pm.

The vehicle was carrying 6,000 litres of molten bitumen while resurfacing a road outside.

Road workers raised the alarm as the fire spread quickly through the lorry, sparking fears it could damage the care home just yards away. But crews managed to bring the blaze under control in time.

Pyjama

Home spokeswoman Anne Mancey said: "Night staff were on duty and called in the home manager who came immediately, along with the activities coordinator who instigated a pyjama party with tea, biscuits and entertainment."

Four engines from Kidderminster, Redditch, Bewdley and Stourport were called to the scene.

Police closed off a section of Marlpool Lane and Mill Street until about 10.30pm.

Firefighters returned to the scene yesterday to make sure the area was safe while the remaining bitumen was transferred to another vehicle. The cause of the fire is not yet known.

Three stow away on axle

THREE illegal immigrants stowed away underneath a coach and clung on to the 5ft by 5ft front axle for a 200-mile journey from France before being found in Kidderminster.

Two men and a youth came out as the vehicle went through a bus wash on October 4. Staff at Whittles' coach depot in Stourport Road detained them. They are thought to have boarded the coach at Calais.

Two were in an immigration detention centre and the third thought to be in social services care.

Thieves' £20,000 survey gear haul

SURVEYING equipment worth £20,000 was stolen in Kidderminster.

Offenders broke into the office on the building site for the new crematorium which is currently under construction.

They escaped with a Trimble robotic total station used for surveying.

It happened at the Firs Industrial Estate between 5pm on Tuesday, October 11 and 7am the following day.

Pe Jordan Baker said: "This piece of equipment is very distinctive and would not be of use to anyone who has not been trained to use it."

"We would like to hear from anyone who saw any suspicious activity around the estate during the times stated and urge them to call us as soon as possible."

Witnesses or anyone with information should contact PC Baker on 0300 333 3000 or ring Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555111.

Sign language move by firm

A NEW initiative to encourage more employees to take up sign language has been launched in Kidderminster.

The move is being made by Signs4Life.

"You never know when you will come into contact with a client, a colleague or member of the public who is autistic, deaf or visually impaired," said managing director Fozia Parveen.

Details: 07964 019 764 or visit the website www.signs4life.org.uk

BRINTONS WILL LOSE 75 STAFF

KIDDERMINSTER carpet firm Brintons is to axe about 70 jobs, just weeks after its takeover by a US investment group.

Most of the redundancies are being cut among the office staff in Kidderminster. The firm blamed worsening economic conditions.

Battling to get back into profit, the company is also planning to close its historic Exchange Street site by the end of November, merging three sites into two.

Brintons employs 1,700 people worldwide, 700 in the UK. A total of 75 people will lose their jobs throughout the whole business.

Brintons managing director Don Coates said: "We deeply regret the loss of any jobs but these steps are necessary to reduce our costs in light of worsening economic conditions and return the company to profitability."

"To compete effectively in the global market, we need to change the way we do business – we need to deliver more with less. With the recent investment from Carlyle, we have the opportunity to secure the long-term future of the business which has seen the impact of the unprecedented challenges facing carpet manufacturers during the downturn."

The company said it would "where possible" try to achieve the staff reductions through voluntary means. Those affected will undergo a 30-day consultation process.

Steam fan can keep her 13ft high garage

A STEAM enthusiast from Cookley, near Kidderminster, has won permission to keep a 13ft 6in high garage that was built to house an engine.

Five local people had objected to the building, containing a steam roller, in Castle Road, claiming it looked industrial and was "unsightly". But another three residents supported it, with one letter saying it was "important to preserve historical machinery".

Penny Warwick applied for retrospective planning permission for the building, saying she erected it after moving into the home in 2007.

The steam roller had previously been kept in a shed in Brierley Hill but the building was broken into by metal thieves – the engine was not there during the break-in.

She added that she had received no complaints about the engine in Cookley and that villagers took an active interest in it. Planning committee members said the impact on the street scene was 'minuscule'.

New look for the store

A SUPERMARKET in Kidderminster has showed off its new look following an expansion which has created around 100 new jobs.

Work to add a 13,637sq ft extension to the shop floor and create a new first floor at Sainsbury's on Carpet Trades Way has been completed after the project started in April.

Shoppers got their first look at the revamp when it was officially re-launched at a ceremony this week.

Paralympic gold medalist David Smith and Kidderminster mayor Councillor Anne Hingley cut the ribbon on the new-look site yesterday.

The extension to the sales floor has allowed the store to expand its range of produce and provided space for a new delicatessen and bakery to be added.



From left at the store are manager Kevin Healy, Mayor Anne Hingley and former Paralympian David Smith

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Charity in hunt for new premises

A CHARITY which lost £50,000 of stock in a blaze which swept through its shop and a neighbouring furniture store in Kidderminster is now looking for other temporary premises.

Fire ripped through the British Heart Foundation shop and the Levines furniture store, in Market Street, on October 2.

Charity spokesman Jenny Legg said the BHF was in the process of searching for temporary premises to tide it over until decisions are made about the rebuilding of the original shop.

She added: "We rely completely on the generosity of our supporters and people can still donate online at bhf.org.uk/shop/donating-goods or by calling our free collections number on 0844 412 5000.

"We'll be selling on any locally collected goods in our other West Midlands stores." The owners of Levines are looking at empty shops in the town that the business could occupy short-term until its fire-ravaged store is rebuilt.

Spooky stuff at the Basins

LOOK out for ghostly goings on at the Stourport Basins on Halloween Weekend (October 29-30).

Visitors and local people can try a Ghost Walk, they start at 5pm on Saturday and Sunday, last two hours, and end with a glass of mulled wine at the Hollybush Public House, Gilgal.

Booking is essential and accompanied children may be allowed by prior agreement. Call 01299 822827.

Festival first as director collects special award

Artwork goes on show



Museum development officer Alison Bakr and museum technician Dave Darby with some of the artwork

BEWDLEY Festival may be over for another year but themes from the popular annual event can still be explored in an art exhibition.

To mark the festival Bewdley Museum is holding an exhibition of work related to celebrated Halesowen-born writer Francis Brett Young.

The Francis Brett Young Society, whose chairman Michael Hall gave a talk during Bewdley Festival, ran an open competition to encourage artists to produce paintings linked to the novelist and poet.

The results are now on show at the museum until November 20.

Museum development officer Alison Bakr said: "We've had some good visitor numbers through to the exhibition and it's proving to be popular.

"People have been saying how interesting it is and how they weren't aware how much Francis Brett Young had written."

THE DIRECTOR of Bewdley Festival has received a prestigious exceptional service award; the first of its kind ever to be presented.

Jenny Paddock was awarded the British Art Festival Association accolade, by trustee chairman Roger Key, during a surprise item at the festival's final night.

The award recognises those who stand out for their dedication and effort on behalf of their festivals. Jenny, who has been the director for more than 10 years, said: "I am hugely honoured that the festival has been recognised for this national award and I am so proud to be able to accept it on behalf of a tremendous team.

"Bewdley Festival is much loved and I really am just the tip of the iceberg of a group who help put the town on the map.

"We are all looking forward to pushing the boat out next year and welcome any ideas."

Although many fringe events will take place across the town until the end of the month, organisers have declared this year's festival as "one of the best ever."

Carole Swingle, spokeswoman for Bewdley Festival, said: "The quality of the acts and audience satisfaction seemed higher than ever this year, indicating that we really managed to provide something for everyone."

Amazing

"All the events got a fantastic reception and we are all very excited about our 25th celebrations next year.

"Many congratulations also go to Jenny; she's an amazing director, full of ideas and constantly striving to make the show better."

"It takes a great leader to produce a great team and we are all delighted for her."

"Volunteers are already working on next year's festival."

Anyone with any suggestions for the programme should contact the festival office at admin@bewdleyfestival.org.uk or call 01299 404808.



Director Jenny Paddock receives her prestigious award from Bewdley Festival trustee chairman Roger Key

Meetings seek views on gipsy site proposals

DETAILS have been announced for a series of consultation meetings to be held into controversial plans for new gipsy and traveller sites in Wyre Forest, with the first one today.

The council says it needs to identify 43 more pitches for gipsies and travellers by 2022, as well as a site for travelling show people. Seven potential sites in the district are being considered in a consultation process which was launched to give people the chance to have their say on the proposed developments.

The sites included are: Stourport Road Bewdley; former Sion Hill School, Kidderminster; Lea Castle Hospital, Cookley; land adjacent to Nunn's Corner, Saiwen; The Gables Yard and farmland on St John's Road, all Stourport-on-Severn.

Meeting details are as follows:

For the Stourport Road, Bewdley site, it is today (October 20); Cookley Village Hall for the Lea Castle Hospital site on October 26; Wolverley Memorial Hall for the former Sion Hill School site on October 31; Stourport Civic Hall for the sites at St John's Farm, The Gables Yard, Saiwen and land adjacent to Nunn's Corner, on November 2.

Important

Councillor Julian Phillips, Wyre Forest District Council cabinet member for place shaping said: "It is important that local communities let us know their thoughts on the sites."

"I look forward to seeing people at those meetings."

The consultation is due to run until November 18 and a decision over which sites will be included as part of the scheme is expected to be made next year.

Museum draw for budding artists

BUDDING artists of all ages will get the chance to showcase their skills at an event at a museum in Hartlebury.

Worcestershire County Museum at Hartlebury Castle, near Kidderminster, will stage its annual Big Draw on Sunday (October 23) between 11.30am and 4pm.

The event challenges visitors to get drawing and thus improve their artistic skills.

This year visitors will be able to take part in art games, help make a mural or design their own fantastic creature.

Artists Tracey Ayre-Massey and Mark Massey will run the free event.

A museum spokeswoman said: "The Big Draw is always a lot of fun."

Admission to the museum is £4.50 for adults or £2.25 with concessions.

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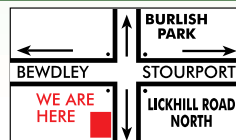
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Thieves try to snatch purse

THIEVES tried to get a shopper's purse on a Kidderminster supermarket car park.

Two men approached her on the Co-op car park in Franche Road at about 2pm on Wednesday, October 12 to ask for directions. Two other men took her purse from the passenger seat but were seen and gave it back.

Metal thefts fall in face of police blitz

METAL THEFTS across Wyre Forest have fallen over the past three months after police operations were launched to tackle the crime, new figures have revealed.

West Mercia Police said the number of thefts in the area from the beginning of July to the end of September totalled 98.

Metal thieves struck in the district, which includes Kidderminster, Bewdley and Stourport, 39 times in July with incidents falling to 31 in August. And officials said the latest figures showed a reduction in fall in September to 28.

Butcher is going for glory

A BUTCHER near Kidderminster is going for glory in British Sausage Week 2011. Heath Farm Meats of Cleobury Mortimer has reached the West Midlands final with its home reared pork, stilton and apricot sausage.

Staff will hope that the product tickles the taste-buds of the judges, including rock legend and sausage enthusiast Noddy Holder.

The former Slade front-man will be tasting the entrants with other judges at Birmingham's Hotel Du Vin bistro in Church Street on November 3.

Now in its 14th year, British Sausage Week is the most recognised of all British food weeks, according to trade publication The Grocer.

Heath Farm Meats is up against nine rivals including The Ludlow Food Centre Limited's Gloucester Old Spot traditional pork sausage.

Police and partner groups have been running operations across the district over the summer to crack down on the problem.

Measures include police checks on vehicles while both uniformed and plain clothes officers are paying regular visits to scrap metal traders.

They give advice on what sort of metals should not be accepted. Officers have also been provided with UV devices to check whether metal offered to them is marked with solutions such as Smartwater, indicating if it has been stolen.

Commercial

Metal theft has been a problem with drain covers stolen in Woodfield Lane, Ombersley, this month.

In May more than 60 drain covers, worth around £18,000, were taken from streets around the Power Station Road area of Stourport.

These were recovered by police following a search of commercial premises in Kidderminster.

A spokesman for West Mercia Police said: "Operations have been carried out in recent months to deal with this issue. There has been a reduction in thefts."

Meet super hero dad



Brother and sister Oliver and Livi Berry, aged eight and six, with a harvest festival scarecrow of their dad Chuck PUPILS at a school in Stourport celebrated harvest by holding a traditional scarecrow competition.

Burlish Park Primary school youngsters created scarecrows based on the theme "my super hero". Characters included Captain Jack Sparrow from Pirates of the Caribbean and a super-dad fireman, Chuck Berry, made by his children Oliver and Livi Berry.

Eco schools co-ordinator Lynda Williams, who organised the event, said: "We had a great response. It never ceases to amaze me how creative our parents and children can be."

The school also held a harvest assembly where the school band played and sang traditional harvest songs.

Donations of produce will go to the Maggs Day Centre in Worcester. Money was also collected for the school's global community charity Water Aid, with £110 raised.

Help for people wanting to work

AN EVENT aimed at getting people back into work is being staged at Kidderminster Town Hall - and experts will be on hand to give advice.

The event will be held at the venue, in Vicar Street, between 10.30am and 4pm on October 27.

It has been organised by the town's Mayor, councillor Anne Hingley, in partnership with the Federation of Small Businesses.

Experts will guide residents in helping to develop their personal profiles and CVs and also be given tips on interviews, dress codes and presentation.

This will help them to give a good first impression when seeking a job and provide information on what will be expected in the workplace.

Councillor Hingley said: "I am keen to help those seeking work in these very difficult times. I also want to help young people who may be looking for their first job."

"This one-off event has been designed with all those people in mind. It is a free event and open to everyone in the community."

Date now set for blood donations

BLOOD donor sessions will take place in Kidderminster next week.

They run on Friday, October 28 at Trinity Methodist Church, Churchfields from 1.15-3.30pm and 4.30-7.15pm. Booking is recommended. Call 0300 123 2323.

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Series of strolls for families

FAMILIES can lace up their boots and join a series of strolls around two Midland beauty spots.

The National Trust is holding family adventure walks at the Clent Hills near Stourbridge on October 26 and Kinver Edge on October 27. The walks will take place at 10am, 11.30am, 1pm and 2.30pm, with the last walk of the day being pushchair and toddler friendly.

Each will be around a mile long and children will be able to explore the wildlife. Clent Hills warden Bob Ayres said: "It's a great chance for children to get out in the fresh air, explore the world around them and enjoy getting a bit of dirt on their hands."

Places cost £2 per child; call Laura Broadhurst on 07920181605 or email laura.broadhurst@nationaltrust.org.uk

Budget hotel gets planning go-ahead

PLANNERS have given the go-ahead for a budget hotel, pub and sports complex in Kidderminster, which a local carpet firm says will help to safeguard the future of its employees.

The development, at Victoria Carpets' former sports field in Spennells Valley Road, will house an historic bowling club.

The company is giving £100,000 from the sale of the land to the council to enhance sporting provision in the district.

A further £10,000 would go to Worcestershire County Council for cycle routes and there would be sponsorship of Kidderminster Victoria Cricket Club and Worcestershire Bowling League.

Conditions

Wyre Forest planning committee decided last week to delegate authority to its officers to let the proposals go ahead provided conditions and agreements were finalised.

The development will have indoor facilities for the 108-year-old Chester Road Bowling Club, which is moving from its home in Chester Road North to make way for a housing estate. The plans at Spennells Valley Road include a 53-bedroom hotel, pub, restaurant, indoor and outdoor bowling pitches and 177 parking spaces.

Cheers! New Spar on pub site

A NEW supermarket has opened its doors on the site of a former pub in Kidderminster.

The Spar shop, which has created 15 new jobs, has opened on the former Jackson's pub site on Marlpool Lane.

The shop has also been designated as an eco-store; its environmental features including LED lighting and energy saving doors fitted to all chillers and hot food cabinets.

Electronic timers have also been introduced to refrigerated units to minimise energy usage.

It is estimated that the new store will use at least 30 per cent less energy than a standard outlet.

It is part of the Tates and Waynes group of Sponsors.

Owen Davies said: "This is a very exciting venture for us and represents a real first for both Spar and Kidderminster."



Spar area manager John Dyson, front left, with store manager Neil Norton cutting the ribbon as staff look on

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Budget cuts put libraries under threat

JOB LOSSES, closing buildings and merging services at libraries in Wyre Forest are among options being considered as part of budget cuts of £1.8million.

The libraries service at Worcestershire County Council must trim 28 per cent from its budget by 2014. Council chiefs said they would avoid closures where possible.

Praise for days of action

TWO community action days held in Stourport for people to find out more about the fire and police services have been hailed a success.

The events, run from Half Crown Wood Children's Centre in Princess Way, were jointly organised by Hereford and Worcester Fire and Rescue Service, West Mercia Police, Wyre Forest Community Safety Partnership, Vestia Community Trust, Wyre Forest Community Housing and Act on Energy.

Caroline Webster, community safety adviser with Hereford and Worcester Fire and Rescue Service said: "We received more than 80 referrals for home fire safety checks as a result."

Age UK Open Day

AGE Concern has had a name change – and Age UK Wyre Forest launches the new title on November 7 with an open day at The Tulip Tree Centre, Castle Road, Kidderminster. Details: 01562 827788.

But they said they had to be realistic about the cuts. Wyre Forest District Council leader John Campion, who is also the cabinet member for communities, said change was inevitable. "The changes are going to be difficult but we knew the public would not want us to take the easy option and just start closing libraries," he said.

"We have instead taken on the tougher task of transforming the service and have made some positive steps, for example getting the community more heavily involved in the running of the libraries."

"We are also reviewing the option of shorter opening hours, which will mean fewer staff."

School

Some libraries may be moved into a school or community centre.

The proposals, unveiled after a meeting of the adult social care and well-being overview and scrutiny panel last week, also include merging libraries with other services and charities.

Head of culture and communities Neil Anderson said the proposals would help provide a "sustainable" library service.

"We must be realistic and understand that 28 per cent savings is not insignificant and can't be done without some changes," he said.

Best foot forward as Jen runs for hospice



Jen Shukla after warming up for the run at a Kinner event
A HOSPICE volunteer is putting her best foot forward in a bid to raise hundreds of pounds for a good cause.

Jen Shukla is due to take to the streets of Birmingham on Sunday (October 23) for the 13.1 mile course of the Great Birmingham Run.

Jen and friends Jack Cockburn, Chris Billingham and Paul Howard are raising money for Kidderminster's Kemp Hospice and Jen has already beaten her target of £300. She has been promised £460 so far.

Important

Jen volunteers as a complementary therapist at Kemp. She said: "Since becoming a volunteer at Kemp Hospice I have realised how important it is that the patients can access such fantastic services locally."

"Without the generosity of staff, volunteers and public donations Kemp Hospice could not keep helping so many people and their families."

The half-marathon will take runners past Edgbaston Cricket Ground and Cadbury World before returning to finish on Broad Street.

To sponsor Jen and her friends, visit www.justgiving.com/team-kemp while anyone wishing to raise money for Kemp should email elemillward@kemphospice.org.uk or call Ele Millward on 01562 861217.

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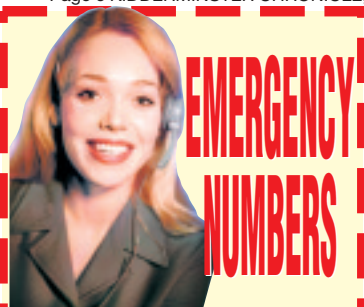
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Last Friday Night

Katy Perry

Cocktails, a lobster and booting the bin

AS I write this I am sipping a cocktail with an umbrella in it, overlooking a glorious sunset across the Bahamas coastline. I'm off for lobster in a bit and maybe a moonlight walk along the sand.

Actually, that's an out and out lie. In reality, I'm sipping a mug of coffee watching from my bedroom as some angry looking youths kick a bin. Not every holiday has to be a romantic getaway, right?

Big thank-you to Stuart who once again stepped into the fray to get your party started every weekday morning. By all accounts Dan is doing fine as Stuart has remembered to feed and water him properly as I instructed.

There's a few good things going on in the weeks to come: The Kidderminster & District Branch of the RSPCA presents its Autumn Bash at the Village Hall, Chaddesley Corbett on Saturday, November 12 from 7.30pm.

There's live music from The Starving Rascals, cheese and wine and a charity auction and raffle. Tickets are £20 per person available from Erica on 07825 915068.

On November 25 there's a charity cabaret and dance in aid of Diabetes UK and the Diabetes Centre at the Town Hall in Kidderminster. It starts at 7.30pm and tickets are £6 available from Fred on 01562 68649.

I'm back next week with five - yes, FIVE - family passes to the West Midland Safari Park fireworks extravaganza, perhaps with your name on them.

Fancy going along to the biggest and best Bonfire Night in the region? Well, you'd better be a part of the show next week from 6am.

Right, time to put some suntan on my back... erm, I mean chase those boys away from the bin! Happy Holidays!

DANI WOZENCROFT FROM WYRE NEWS WITH THE LATEST ROADWORKS

Bringing travel updates to keep you moving...

Kidderminster. Puxton Drive has temporary traffic lights between Hawkstone Close and Aster Avenue until October 23.

Park Lane has temporary traffic lights between Caldwail Crescent and the Watermill pub until November 4.

Lower Mill Street has a lane closed between the petrol station and the Ringway until November 14.

Haberley Road has temporary traffic lights in place until October 28.

Stourport Worcester Road has temporary traffic lights at the Hartlebury Road junction until tomorrow (October 21).

A451 Minster Road has a lane closed from the Oldington Lane Junction until November 11.

A451 Milton Street has one lane closed near the Oldington Lane junction until November 11.

Fairfield Brook Road is closed until October 28.

Upton-upon-Severn Upton Bridge has temporary traffic lights until December 18.

Lye Head Lye Head Road has temporary traffic lights from the A456 junction to Porters Lane until October 24.

Beibrough Watery Lane has temporary traffic lights tomorrow (October 21).

Stourbridge Foster Street East will be closed in both directions between the A491 St John's Road and Mount Street due to the work at the bus station until December 5.

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WEATHER UPDATE

AUTUMN has nipped in with a vengeance and there may be a touch of frost first thing today.

However, matters should then turn more mild and be sunny and dry for the weekend.

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Garry Holloway reaches out to the audience



Supporters get in the flag-waving mood

Big send-off for the popular show Curtain falls on Music For You one final time

THE CURTAIN fell for the final time on a Kidderminster musical extravaganza as organisers expressed their gratitude to supporters over the past three decades.

Music For You has graced the stage at Kidderminster Town Hall every year since 1982.

But earlier this month the annual show, which raised more than £150,000 for charity, drew to a close.

More than 200 artists gave it their all before a standing ovation to Land of Hope and Glory raised the roof.

Warren Bond, who led the show was an experience he will never forget.

"The final concert went extremely well and ended on a tremendous high; it was great to see both nights packed out," he said.

"There was a terrific atmosphere, everyone thoroughly enjoyed themselves and all of the artists who performed couldn't have done a better job."

"Personally the show has meant a great deal to me and I shall cherish the memories forever."

"The show has acted as a major contribution to the music in Kidderminster and will be missed by a lot of people. But I am confident something else will grow and hopefully benefit as

many charities as we did. "It would be nice to think in five years time we could reunite for a one-off concert but for now we owe everyone a huge thank-you for their support."

Around 30,000 people have flocked to the annual concert over the years, seeing the likes of The Wyre Forest Symphony Orchestra, The West Midland Light Orchestra, the Stourport-on-Severn Brass Band and a host of local choirs join forces to create the spectacular.

The Kidderminster Valentines also hit all the right notes as this year's



Hats off to Wyre Forest Symphony Orchestra leader Jennifer Smith

featured choir alongside special guests including Ian Dewis, who had a part in the creation of Music For You.

He travelled from Colchester to see the show; his first return to the town since moving 29 years ago.

Warren Bond, who led the West Midland Light Orchestra in 1982 and chaired the committee until 1992 was also present as

Peter Tomlinson, creator of the popular children's TV show Tiswas, who has compered the event since 1993.

Mr Tomlinson, the former managing director of Saga Radio and High Sheriff of the West Midlands, said: "We've all helped build something which will harbour so many fond memories – we owe it to everyone who has contributed to call it a day while we're winning."

Charities to benefit over the years include Cancer Research, Kemp Hospice and Kidderminster Hospital League of Friends.

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YES it's the countdown to Christmas - the shops are already filling up with cards and gift ideas. So time to book your place for the Festive Gift Fair which returns to Birmingham's NEC for the 16th year. And we have teamed up with the organisers to offer 18 readers the chance to win a pair of tickets for the show.

The four-day show, which will run between November 17-20, offers visitors a massive array of inspirational and affordable Christmas gift ideas.

Gadgets

This year there will be gifts for even the most difficult-to-buy for relatives; with stalls as varied as chocolate pizzas from Nottingham, liqueurs and spirits from Anglesey, handbags and accessories from nearby Warwickshire and dog toys from Malvern.

There's kiddies' cookware from Kingsbridge and gents' gadgets from Telford, decorations from Stroud and cheese from Cornwall. With so much to choose from there's even a 'present crèche' for you to drop off your bags. TV chef Ainsley Harriott will be his



Brighten up your home with the many festive decorations on offer

usual mischievous self and will be at the show to sign autographs on Thursday (17) from noon-3pm.

Ticket prices start at just £8.50 for adults and are available from www.theticketfactory.com or 0844 581 0808. For more information visit www.festivegiftfair.co.uk or www.thenec.co.uk.



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They're tired out after charity event

FITNESS fanatics in Kidderminster helped to raise cash for a national charity helping injured servicemen and women.

The family fun day, which included a zumbathon and an army boot camp, was held at Fitness First in Foley Grove.

There was also truck pull and tyre challenges, a barbecue and a bouncy castle for younger visitors.

People taking part in the sessions were asked to make a donation to the Pilgrim Bandits Charity, which raises supports injured soldiers and funds research into prosthetics for amputees.

Patron

Lance Bombardier Ben Parkinson, the most injured soldier to survive the conflict in Afghanistan and the charity's patron, also stopped by the meet members and visitors.

Health and fitness manager at Fitness First, Rob Preston, said: "The event went really well."

"We had more than 200 people. It was well supported by everyone," he added.

Bosses are still counting up the donations but they are hoping to have raised hundreds of pounds for the charity.

For further information about the charity log on to www.pilgrimbandits.com



Fitness First manager Rob Preston, Pte Thomas Beets, L/Cpl Alex Smith and Pte Jack Davis, with front Lucinda Caddick, Nicki Rook and Sarah Shaw

Attack on common fences

FENCES at a beauty spot near Stourport have been attacked by vandals causing £1,500 of damage amid a long-running dispute over the site's future.

Around 100 metres of posts, wire and information panels on Hartlebury Common were targeted.

The wire fences along Titton Lane were torn down and cut apart.

Fencing has been damaged a number of times in recent weeks as

campaigners battle plans to put cattle on the site and cut back heathland.

Recently 11 cattle were added to the eight already there. The cutting of wires means a risk of them straying off the common.

The wire fencing is owned by Worcestershire County Council; officials said they were "shocked" at the action. The council argues the cattle will help protect the heathland and prevent vegetation becoming overgrown.

A man in his 50s was arrested on suspicion of criminal damage in connection with the incident and was later released on bail.

Pc Paul Cound from Droitwich police station said: "This could have been a lot worse."

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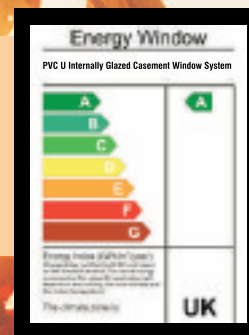
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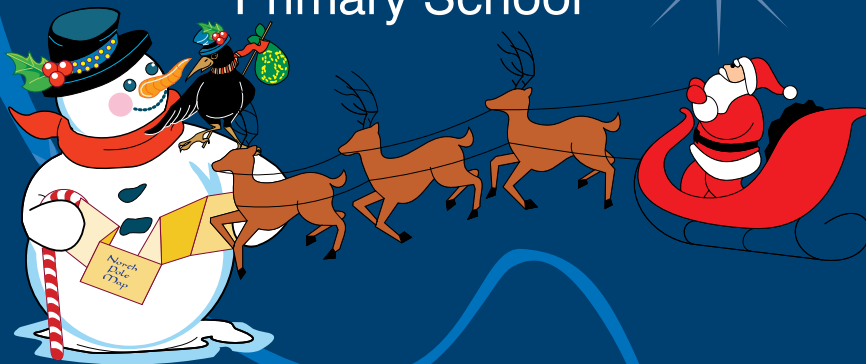
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Over the next 2 pages are the 48 designs and we need you to vote for the one you think is the best! Complete and return this entry form to: Christmas Cards, Kidderminster Chronicle, 13 Oxford Street, Kidderminster DY10 1BQ.

The card with the most votes wins and the talented child will be surprised in school assembly and have their photo in the paper!



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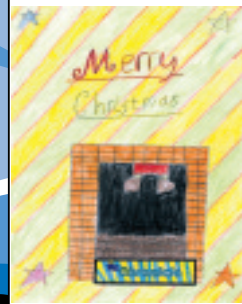
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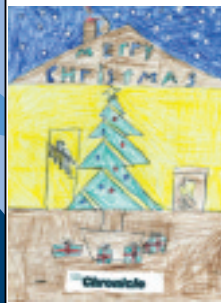
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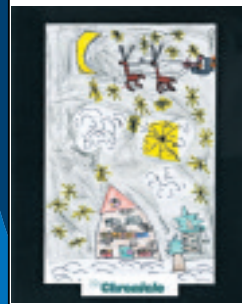
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MORE THAN 20 bags of rubbish were collected by volunteers in woodland at Kidderminster. The group of 12 residents helped tidy up Cobham Wood.

Together with members of Oakleaf Grounds Services – part of The Community Housing Group – and Wyre Forest District Council Rangers, they collected more than 20 bags of litter and items such as car tyres and gas bottles from the site.

Goal

The clean-up was staged as part of the Friends of Cobham Wood's community tidy day.

Chairman Keith Thomson said: "The tidy day was a great opportunity to bring local people together to achieve a common goal in keeping the woods clean and tidy."

People interested in getting involved in future projects should call 01562 732346.

Footballers to tackle racism

YOUNGSTERS and teenagers can take to the pitch for a five-a-side football tournament in Kidderminster.

It has been organised by police as part of the national campaign Let's Kick Racism Out Of Football.

The competition is at Habberley Playing Fields, Habberley Road, on Friday, October 28 between 11am and 2.30pm. There are two age groups – nine to 11 years and 12 to 14 years.

Entry is free and teams can enter on the day before 10.30am.

New school approved despite parking fears

PLANS for a new school in a village near Kidderminster have been given the go-ahead after officials who objected on the grounds it had too many parking spaces were told to "get real".

Worcestershire County Council's highway authority had recommended the plans for the new Chad-desley Corbett Primary School should be refused because it would result in a "car dominated development".

But Wyre Forest District Councillor Chris Nicholls said: "My hackles rose when I saw the Highway Authority comments."

"In the real world parents will not let their children walk to school – they take them for safety reasons. Get real."

Aramblers' group had also objected, saying it believed an "excellent chance" was being missed to encourage walking and cycling to school by an "unwillingness of councillors to even think of anything other than the motor car as a means of transport for five to 11-year-olds".

The group said there was a traffic-free network of field paths and tracks that could be used safely by children to get to school.

Swimming

Wyre Forest planning officers recommended the proposed school, next to Rowberry's Nurseries in Lower Chad-desley, for approval.

And the Wyre Forest planning committee gave the development the green light last week.

The new development will combine the existing Chad-desley Corbett Endowed First School with Stone First School to form a new primary, including additional pupils.

As well as the school, the development will include caretaker's accommodation, a swimming pool, and new access off the A448.

It will have 62 parking spaces, a 40-space overflow car park and 10 cycle spaces.

The county highways authority had said it should have just 27 spaces – one for each member of staff – a "modest" visitor provision, four spaces outside the caretaker's property and 21 cycle spaces.

Eight letters were lodged with the council over the scheme – four in support and four against.

Those in support have said that it is a "wonderful opportunity" for children in the area to be well-educated and enjoy outside activities.

They said relocation of the school would end traffic chaos in the village.

Opponents have said that the move will have an adverse impact of village traders.

Trees display their autumn glory

AUTUMN beauty has come early at a beauty spot near Kidderminster, with a spectacular blaze of colour sweeping through the trees.

Hundreds of trees at Bodenham Arboretum, in Wolverley, have reached their magnificent autumnal glory weeks earlier than usual.

James Binnian, owner and manager of the arboretum, said: "The very dry and sunny period leading up to now has brought on autumn early."

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Brian to dip his toe in the water

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Bodenham Arboretum owner James Binnian on his land near Kidderminster

Horses rescued in water dramas

FOUR horses became stuck and had to be rescued from canals and rivers across Worcestershire in just three days, sparking a warning from firefighters in the county.

A woman was walking her dog along the canal in Cookley, near Kidderminster, on the morning of Saturday, October 8 when she noticed a horse struggling in the water.

A crew from Kidderminster – along with the water rescue boat from Worcester – attended the scene and the horse was pulled out shortly before 9am.

The animal was cold and wet, but otherwise unharmed.

Fisherman

It follows a similar incident the previous day, when a crew from Upton were called to the River Severn, near Severn Stoke, after a fisherman spotted a horse in difficulty in the water.

And on Sunday, two horses were rescued from the canal at Smite, near Droitwich.

Station commander Bob Sprout said: "The three incidents were unrelated but they do raise some important safety points for horse owners."

"We'd urge anyone keeping horses near canals or rivers to ensure that access to the water is cordoned off to help keep their animals safe."

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AN ALL-STAR cast comes to Wolverhampton for hit show **Calendar Girls**, about a group of WI ladies who pose nude for a charity calendar.

Getting their kit off in the best possible taste for the comedy at The Grand are Lynda Bellingham from TV's *Loose Women*, former Hi-De-Hi star Ruth Madoc, former Rock Follies, Coronation Street and *Celebrity Big Brother* star Rula Lenska, West End performer Jennifer Ellison, ex-*Howards Way* star Jan Harvey, The Smoking Room's Debbie Chazen, *Strictly Come Dancing*'s Camilla Dallerup, with Bruno Langley and Joe McGann representing the men. It's on from Monday to Saturday, October 24 to 29.

Following its phenomenal success in London's West End last summer, high octane Ballroom and Salsa extravaganza **Burn The Floor** is coming to Birmingham Hippodrome, where 20 world class dancers will set the stage on fire from Tuesday to Saturday, October 25 to 29. The show's global success is largely owed to director and choreographer Jason Glickson. His talent has seen him head hunted by the BBC to bring his choreography skills to the current series of *Strictly Come Dancing*. Personally working with the celebrities and professional partners, Jason has been spending countless hours tailoring and perfecting the dazzling performances millions witness on Saturday nights.

Champion

There are currently four former *Burn The Floor* cast members starring in the prime time show, including *Strictly* reigning champion Artem Chigvintsev, Robin Windsor, Natalie Lowe plus new addition Pascha Kovaliev. Fellow alumni Anya Garnis and Tristan MacManus shone in US dance show *Dancing With The Stars*, while former colleagues Ashleigh Di Lello and her husband Ryan were strong competitors in the popular US dance competition, *So You Think You Can Dance*.

Tracie Bennett continues with her acclaimed portrayal of the middle-aged Judy Garland in **End of the Rainbow** at the Hippodrome to Saturday.

James Corden stars in the National Theatre's new comedy **One Man Two Guvnors**, which ends its run at Birmingham's New Alex on Saturday. Then the Alex hosts **Roary The Racing Car** at 1pm on Monday, an evening performance by psychic Sally Morgan on Tuesday and Colin Gold plays Billy Fury backed by the actual Tornadoes in **Halfway To Paradise** on Wednesday night.

Comedy gigs include a 5pm **Audience with Pam Ayres**, the gentle comic poet, on Sunday at Birmingham Town Hall. Salford comedian Jason Manford is at the LG Arena on Wednesday. Squeaky-voiced king of the jungle **Joe Pasquale** is at the Wulfrun Hall next Thursday, October 27.

Joe sees no more barriers to his solo singing career



Joe Jonas of top American pop group The Jonas Brothers is appearing as Britney Spears' special guest at the LG Arena after releasing his urban R&B-style solo debut album

AMERICAN pop star Joe Jonas is loving life as a solo artist but promises fans that the Jonas Brothers have not split up.

The 22-year-old middle brother from the hugely popular sibling trio, who won a generation of fans via their Disney movies and television shows, spoke to The Chronicle during a visit to the UK to promote his debut solo album *FastLife* and to prepare for his tour with superstar Britney Spears.

The dark-haired heart-throb, whose latest hit video, *See No More*, notched up five million views on YouTube and Vevo, revealed that he could soon be making his movie acting debut.

"This is going to be a crazy few weeks but I am excited," said the Arizona-born singer. "Britney is great. I did one show with her in New Jersey. She is going to be a fun tour partner. It will be pretty cool to hear I Did It Again - hers was the first record I ever bought."

Joe will be her special guest at selected dates when Britney makes her comeback this month, including a concert at the LG Arena, Birmingham, on Sunday, October 30.

But what can the gig goers expect from Joe? "Very high energy. I just want to get them dancing, get them standing up. I feel like I'm not doing my job unless everyone's standing up and rocking out," he said.

The Camp Rock star has already had a preview of the Wembley Arena when he attended the BBC Teen Awards, which included meeting up with Britain's latest pop sensations, One Direction, featuring Wolverhampton's Liam Payne.

"I got to meet the One Direction guys and thought they were really

Joe Jonas talks to Leon Burakowski about his solo debut album, going on tour with Britney Spears and the future for the Jonas Brothers

nice, really cool and I was really happy to meet them," said Joe.

"The current UK music scene is really amazing, it's definitely getting better and better. Every time I'm here I find new artists and things that I really love listening to."

"Pixie Lott is a good friend of mine and I love her music. Her new stuff sounds incredible."

Maybe he gave One Direction some tips on dealing with excitable fans, as the Jonas Brothers have had hordes of car chasing admirers.

"Yes, I have been asked to sign just about every body part. A baby was probably the oddest... they were like 'sign this baby's forehead'. That was kind of an interesting one."

Energy

He is a big fan of keeping in touch with the fans, saying: "Twitter is a great tool. You can hear what the fans think right away. You see the tweets and feed off their energy right away."

On his new album Joe has collaborated with top writers and producers including Chris Brown and Lil Wayne, which has helped a musical transition from pop to a more R&B influenced sound. Released on Monday, October 24, *FastLife* is also the first Jonas release to get a parental warning sticker.

Asked who he would like to collaborate with, Joe said: "I like Kanye West and would really like to do something with him, that would be really interesting. British artists like Adele, Tinie Tempah, Foster The People, something a little different from what I'm

used to. It shows a different side to the music that I am making."

He also revealed that he may be making a movie. "There is a movie I am developing back in the States with a buddy of mine, a producer friend. We have got a writer now, it's coming together and it's very exciting."

But what genre? Action, sci-fi, romance? "It's kinda everything," he replied. "It is too early to say what it's about but I am excited to have this idea grow."

Doesn't Joe sometimes miss having brothers Nick and Kevin at his side? "It's a little bit scary to be up there by myself but I've been getting great support. My brothers have been very supportive. They're incredible and I'm really thankful for the fact that they're happy for me to take my time and do my thing."

"I wanted to really spend time on this album, to take my time to make sure I made music that I was really proud of. There's been some times with my brothers that we've done some things and really rushed them, like making records quickly. I wanted to take my time with this one."

"It's cool to be back (in the UK) and to be able to do my solo stuff here. I'm just happy. I love shopping here and I love the fashion, it's so great to see the fans and travel the world."

As for the band getting back together, he said: "We are definitely still a band. We are going to be making music together again when the time is right."

"Right now we are just focusing on our individual projects. The time will come around to make more music together. We are always writing... maybe in the next year or so we will release another album."

And would he bring his brothers to tour Europe? "I would love to get that tour together, we have got so many good friends over here."

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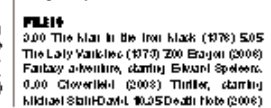
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10:15 The Only Way to Essex **11:00** Movie,
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9:00 Region of Regret **9:15 FTV News Weekend**
9:30 Flashy NFL's TV Debut.
A review of the week's on-air on-screen highlights. (R)
10:00 Fielding Oliver's Place.
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4.00 The X Factor: The results, with music by Kelly Clarkson, Bruno Mars, and Professor Green featuring Emeli Sandé.

5.00 Denzel & Abby: A

9.12 *That Smoky Night Show* With Olive Anderson, Timothy Strorer and Margaret

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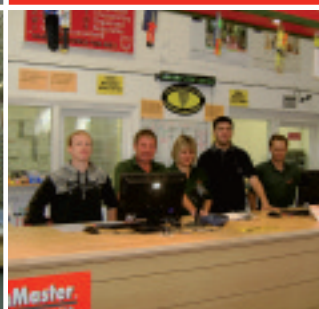


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England joy as Marston takes medal

SAMURAI judo player Frankie Marston was in the medals again with a bronze at the British Junior National Championships which gives her a place on the England squad for the first time.

Marston won three of her contests with maximum point throws and only lost the fourth, a no-score match, on the referees' decision.

In the juniors Darcie Hancock, who had moved up a weight category, struggled against heavier

players but still posted some spectacular wins and was on top against the eventual gold medalist before strength told.

The improving Nathan Gallacher also had a series of wins and, like Hancock, finished seventh out of 16, while Charlotte Read was fifth.

In the older age range, Brendan Crummy had several victories in a category with more than 30 players and was a highly creditable ninth. Bryony Griffiths was unlucky. She

was all over the Scottish girl who eventually finished fifth and led only to be caught by a counter technique for a higher score. A second defeat against a very strong player eliminated her.

But Marston, just a month after winning gold at the British Kata Championships, was looking for a double in the contest side of judo.

But after reaching the quarter-finals she came up against an old foe from Berkshire, and after extra time

failed to separate them the referees decided correctly that the other girl had been marginally the more active.

This left Marston with a long march for bronze in which she had a quick win against a Welsh player, threw the Scottish number one for maximum points and then counter-threw an experienced Essex girl for the medal.

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Vaughan off in five minutes

Kidderminster Harriers 2 AFC Telford United 2
KIDDERMINSTER defender Lee Vaughan missed a penalty before being sent off inside the opening five minutes of this clash against his former club AFC Telford United.

Harriers then fell behind in the eighth minute before hitting back to lead 2-1 at half-time thanks to a well taken effort from Jamille Matt and an own goal.

But their bid to hang on for maximum points perished in the 75th minute when Telford equalised through Chris Sharp.

Vaughan saw red for a rash tackle on Courtney Pitt.

The match began in explosive style when Matt was brought down just inside the area by goalkeeper Ryan Young. Vaughan, however, smacked the penalty against the top of the bar and, within three minutes, was off.

Worse was to follow for Kidderminster when Telford scored through Jon Adamson.

Matt replied with a well-placed shot and Daniel Preston's headed own goal then put Harriers ahead.

But Telford levelled with a close-range header from Sharp.

HARRIERS FALL TO LATE STRIKE

A LACKLUSTRE Kidderminster display contributed to defeat at Darlington as Jonatan Sanchez-Munoz forced home a late winner.

Assistant manager Gary Whild admitted: "You always have a chance of conceding a goal like that, from a set-piece, but I don't think we were good enough and we got what we deserved."

"After the goal was the first time we tried to keep hold of the ball, pass it and move them around. I just don't think we turned up."

Darlington persisted with a direct style of play which posed little problem for Michael Briscoe and Tom Marshall at the heart of the visitors' back line.

Unfortunately, Harriers were guilty of continually losing possession and the midfield were often bystanders as the Quakers pumped the ball forward to Liam Hatch in the hope he may flick the ball into the path of James Walsh.

Hesitated

The game reached no great heights in a poor first half; Adam Rundle fired in a 25-yard drive that keeper Dean Lyness finger-tipped further wide of the target than it was destined to go, while Harriers' James Vincent stabbed a Steve

Darlington 1 Kidderminster Harriers 0

Guinan centre wide of the mark.

There was little improvement after the break, although Callum Gittings flicked a Nick Wright centre against the home crossbar.

The marauding Greg Taylor added a spark of quality, albeit brief, as he raced forward only to fire tamely wide on two occasions.

With the game heading for what looked an inevitable stalemate, Harriers failed to clear an 81st-minute Exodus Geohagan long throw.

Jamie Chandler centred from the right and it was Geohagan who challenged at the far post to head the

ball into the six-yard box. The Harriers defence hesitated and that was enough for Sanchez-Munoz to stab home the loose ball.

Harriers responded with a Nick Wright run and shot that was blocked by Greg Taylor, but the visitors lacked that cutting edge.

In injury time Hatch sent home substitute Ryan Bowman clear but, in keeping with what had been witnessed, his low drive rebounded off the base of the post and Chandler could not convert the rebound.

Harriers: Lyness, Sharpe, Denetrou, Marshall, Briscoe, Vincent, Storer, Cresswell, Gittings (Williams Marc 72), Guinan (Thompson-Brown 64), Wright, Matt. **Subs not used:** Medley, Phelan. **Attendance:** 1,763.

Neal takes hat-trick of touring car titles



Matt Neal celebrates his Touring Car title. Picture: Darren Price

MATT NEAL is basking in the glory again as 2011 Dunlop MSA British Touring Car champion following a thrilling final round at Silverstone.

The 44-year-old from Shenstone, near Kidderminster, claimed the title to make it a hat-trick after winning the championship in 2005 and 2006.

The title was decided in the third and final race on Sunday in a showdown between Honda Racing team-mates Neal and Gordon Shedden.

Neal took a six-point lead over Shedden into the final race after the duo finished first and second in race one before switching finishing positions in the second drive to set up the championship decider.

An eighth-place finish was enough to hand the title to Neal, who came home two places ahead of Shedden – the only man by then who could have beaten him to the championship although five drivers were in overall contention going into race one.

Afterwards, Neal praised Honda and his team-mate for a superb season.

"It's going to take some sinking in," he said. "I'm overwhelmed – I never thought I'd win it once in my life and now it's three. It means the world to me."

"If it had gone Gordon's way I'd have been

disappointed for me but over the moon for him."

"I wish the names of everyone in the team could be engraved on the championship trophy. Just to hold it is a special thing."

"I never thought I'd win it once, let alone three times."

"It almost feels like job done. Winning it three times, I'm happy."

"Maybe it'll be Flash's (Shedden's) year in 2012."

"He's fast, he's hungry and he is one of the best there is. Perhaps I can help him on his way next year."

Technical

Neal admitted he had been worn down by the technical arguments that have raged all season between teams with turbo-powered cars and those with normally-aspirated machines.

And he added: "I'm glad to get it over and done with. I've felt a bit drained and tense in the last week, and I was nervous going into that last race."

Watched by his wife Karen and two-year-old daughter Matilda, he added: "My wife has had to put up with my moods, so maybe I can lighten up a bit now."

"But to hold this trophy at the end of it all is a real bonus."

Shilvock settles it for firsts

Stourport 1 Worcester 0
STOURPORT ladies firsts took their first win of the Midland Premier League programme.

A hard-fought match with two yellow cards for the home side and one for the visitors was finally settled deep into the second half.

Lauren Shilvock put away a short corner routine after Stourport had dominated the second period.

Stourport 4 Shrewsbury 0
A fine team performance saw the second lead 1-0 at the turn and add three more in the second half. Vicky Kovacs scored twice with Liz Warne and Shelley Tromans also on the mark.

Pershore 1 Stourport 9
Stourport thirds were six up at the break following a hat-trick by Kathryn Thomas, a brace by Lauren Woodwiss a goal by Holly Baron.

Pershore scored early in the second half but Woodwiss got two more and Alison Baron rounded off the scoring.

Stourport 3 Kings Heath 1
The fourths won a tight encounter.

Stourport 7 Bournville 0
A Teri Baron treble, two goals for Hazel Claris and strikes by Rosie Connolly and Charlotte Lake won it for the firsts.

Carolians swamped by rivals

Kidderminster Carolians 0 Walsall 78

A CAROLIANS squad made up mostly of second team players hosted Walsall seconds in a friendly but were no match for a club whose first XV are riding high in Midlands One West.

On a hot October afternoon the referee sensibly ended proceedings 10 minutes early.

The first XV return to League action on Saturday with a crucial home fixture against Union (3pm).

● Kidderminster's under-16s took a 67-14 win over Stourbridge in a match littered with five yellow cards, three for the Carolians.

David Bisset scored three tries, Mitch Dwyers and Dan Cooper two apiece while James Turner, Tom Mayall and Joe Carey Jenkins also crossed.

Bisset kicked seven conversions and a penalty.

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Driving ambition for students



Verve won the ladies under-16 black belt division. With instructor John Swift are, from left, Steff Hanson, Lauren Rhodes, Jasmine Beardmore and Abigail Richards

VERVE martial arts students made the six and a half hour drive to Fife for the ITS Scottish Open Championships – and came back with 47 medals.

Lauren Rhodes excelled in her categories, winning both points and continuous sparring gold medals as well as a bronze in her Korean patterns. She will be one to watch in the adults sections next year.

Joshua Anderson took both the Korean patterns sections and points sparring gold medals to add Scottish champion to a list of successes which includes 2011 British Taekwondo Champion.

Assistant instructor Richard Toon had onlookers on their feet as he battled

Keeper stars in victory

Sporting Khalsa 1 Bewdley Town 2

TWO goals from Chris Hough and some heroics by goalkeeper Darren Steadman gained Bewdley victory against a strong attacking side.

With a host of players missing through injury and illness, Aaron Stubbings and Josh Gault were drafted in from the new Bewdley under-21 side.

But for all the youth on show it was ex-Harriers shotstopper Steadman who caught the eye with a string of fine saves.

Hough opened the scoring after 30 minutes with a sublime piece of individual skill on the edge of the area before firing into the roof of the net.

But Sporting continued to pile on the pressure and were level on 82 minutes with an equally fine finish.

But as the home side pushed for a winner, Bewdley hit them with a late counter-attack that saw substitute Robbie Orme supply the through ball for the oncoming Hough to sweep in for the winner.

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